

Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17
Nays—Mr. Meacham—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 23:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Discharge of Criminals who are insolvent,
Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

Nays—Mr. McMeekin—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Meacham asked to be excused until Monday morning next;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McKinnon called up Senate bill No. 17, in regard to public roads;

Which was read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Hendry introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It appears from the communication of the Hon. C. Drew, Comptroller, that in all probability it may be impossible for a full report showing the defaulting Collectors of Revenue, the amounts in default, and the amount of poll tax collected for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, to be made during the present Session, therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Comptroller take sufficient time to accomplish the work required by this body, and the report, when completed, be published in each county in this State where there is a paper published;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning.

REMOVALS.

Wm. R. Hillyer, from office County Judge, Marion county.
J. A. McDaniel, from office of Assessor, Marion county.
Wm. H. LeCain, from office of Clerk, Marion county.
Wm. J. McGrath, from office of Sheriff, Marion county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

John N. McIntosh, as County Judge, Marion county.
Thomas Barco, as Assessor, Marion county.
Henry W. Long, as Clerk, Marion county.
Francis D. Carver, as Sheriff, Marion county.
Fred N. Foy, as Collector, Marion county.

MONDAY, January 29, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Lykes moved that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Lykes presented the following petition:

To the Legislature of the State of Florida:

The undersigned citizens of Crystal River and vicinity, respectfully sheweth to your honorable body that a large quantity of goods are annually shipped to and from the head of Crystal river, and that the amount so shipped is increasing; that by reason of the sinuosity and narrowness of the channel from Crystal river to the Gulf, navigation is difficult, and much time is lost in going out of and coming into said river; that, with a reasonable outlay, the said channel can be made straight and navigation much improved, and the interests of this community much advanced.

Your petitioners further show that there is a considerable quantity of internal improvement lands in the vicinity of said river, and that the appropriation of said lands to the improvement of the channel of said river will tend greatly to enhance the prosperity of this section of the State. Your petitioners therefore pray that the said internal improvement lands in the

vicinity of said river be donated to the purpose of improving the navigation of said river, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Stephen C. DeBruhl,	Thomas Hodge,
J. L. Miller,	Avery Dodge,
I. R. Snow,	Marshall Morton,
N. Barco,	J. M. Hecklick,
M. P. Hearty,	Jno. D. Brownlee,
W. H. Pratt,	W. H. Sharp,
Zobe Oliver,	Ben. Brooks,
M. Atkinson,	J. T. Davis,
Virgil Alberson,	J. A. Allen,
Wm. C. Turner,	J. N. Coleman,
T. T. Clark,	S. C. Barco,
J. F. Osteen,	Geo. J. Willis,
G. B. Thomas,	G. T. Willis,
R. W. Hill,	J. B. Higginbotham,
E. R. King,	G. W. Carter,
Thomas S. Winn,	E. K. Carter,
John W. Willis,	E. W. Priest,
J. A. Ferguson,	A. S. Mann,
E. B. Morton,	J. W. Johns,
W. F. Gaines,	Jno. T. Lowrey, M. D.,
John Barnes.	

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 26, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising; also,

Assembly bill No. 51 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the practice in Writs of Prohibition, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 27 :

To be entitled an act relating to Official and Legal Advertising,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Assembly bill No. 51 :

To be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the practice in Writs of Prohibition,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on Claims made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 29, 1877.

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate :

SIR:—The Committee on Claims, to was referred the communication of C. P. Cooper to Lieutenant Gove, N. A. Hull, in behalf of the sureties, and the estate of Isadora V. Garnie, late Collector of Revenue for Duval county, and also the report of T. A. McDonell, State Attorney, 4th Circuit, upon the same: Some of the reasons set up by Mr. Cooper for the relief asked for are these: That the Comptroller charged the whole amount of the assessment of the county to the Collector Garnie, when it was impossible to collect the same; that no insolvency was allowed by the Comptroller, and that nearly all of the funds paid into the treasury by said Garnie was in United States currency. It is the opinion of the Committee that the Comptroller made the only proper entry that he could have done when he charged the whole amount against said Garnie, and we think that no insolvency should be allowed by the Comptroller, unless first approved by the Board of County Commissioners, which was not the case; and as to his paying all in U. S. currency, we can only say that he did his duty if he collected such funds, and is not entitled to any extra compensation. The report of T. A. McDonell, State Attorney, 4th Circuit, failed to throw any light upon the subject. We got a tabular statement of the account of Isadora V. Garnie with the State from Comptroller's office, and we find that said Garnie is indebted to the State of Florida to the amount of \$6,419.75; and it is the unanimous opinion of your committee that the courts are the proper places to adjudicate this matter, and not the Legislature of Florida, and we therefore recommend the indefinite postponement of the whole matter relating to Isadora V. Garnie, Collector of Revenue for Duval county, for the years 1866 and 1867.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

On motion of Mr. Richard, the further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

Which was read.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, January 29, 1877.

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR:—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 17, a bill entitled an act to keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 29, 1877.

To the Hon. President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 25, to be entitled an act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give Bond, have examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n.
A. B. OSGOOD.

Which was read.

Mr. Brantley moved that Senate bill No. 2, to be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for the year 1876,

Be postponed, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No 17:

To be entitled an act to keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways,

Was taken up, and read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Richard, Wallace and Walls—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message, received from the Assembly, was read:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 27, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Assembly Joint Resolution relative to a reduction of the expenses of the State Government, and for the appointment of a Joint Committee, consisting of two on part of the Senate, and three on part of the Assembly, to take the same under consideration, and report by bill or otherwise, and have appointed Messrs. Bishop, Dougherty and Thompson of Nassau such committee on part of the Assembly, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Messrs. Weeks and Walls were appointed on said committee Senate bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to require Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bonds,

Was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hill and Walls—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 27, 1877.

HON. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 29, to be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 1628, relating to Jurors, and to repeal Chapter 2043 Laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875; and

Assembly bill No. 71, to be entitled an act to organize a
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Bureau of Immigration,* and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., JANUARY 27, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 62, to be entitled an act to appropriate money for the Purchase of Books for the Supreme Court Library; and

Adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution to allow the Joint Committee on the State Prison to employ an accountant, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act to appropriate money for the purchase of Books for the Supreme Court Library,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Assembly Concurrent Resolution to allow the Joint Committee on the State Prison to employ an accountant,

Was read and agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 1628, relating to Jurors, and to repeal Chapter 2043, Laws of Florida, approved February 20, A. D. 1875,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly bill No. 71:

To be entitled an act to organize a Bureau of Immigration,
Was read, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The following preamble and resolution was taken up and read :

WHEREAS, It appears from the communication of the Hon. C. Drew, Comptroller, that in all probability it may be impossible for a full report showing the defaulting Collectors of

Revenue, the amounts in default, and the amount of poll tax collected for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, to be made during the present session ; therefore

Be it Resolved, That the Comptroller take sufficient time to accomplish the work required by this body, and the report when completed be published in each county in this State where there is a paper published.

Mr. Lykes offered the following substitute for the resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That if the Comptroller does not prepare said report before the adjournment of this Legislature, he be required to publish said report in such papers as are designated to do the State advertising, and also to send a copy to each State Attorney in the State;

Which substitute was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The following vetoed bill, an act providing for the payment of Witnesses and Jurors who attend Courts to which they have been summoned, whether the Court is being held or not,

Was taken up.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell and Johnson—2.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Hendry, Hill, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

So the bill did not pass.

The following vetoed bill, an act for the relief of Wm. F. Robertson, Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the State Penitentiary, was postponed for further action until to-morrow, 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Patterson asked leave of absence for one week from to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

In accordance with the following resolution from the Assembly,

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of two from the Senate and three from the Assembly be appointed to inquire into and report to the Senate the amount of money collected by the several timber and lumber agents of this State, and the disposition of such money, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and appers if necessary, the President *pro tem.* appointed Messrs. McMeekin and McGuire said committee.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

REMOVALS.

G. W. Lyle, from office of Assessor, Putnam county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. P. Grantham, to be Assessor, Jefferson county
S. Simkins, to be Collector, Jefferson county.
R. M. Cooper, to be County Judge, St. Johns county.
Jesse L. Burton, to be Assessor, Putnam county.
Wm. L. L. Bowen, to be Collector, Putnam county.
J. R. Richard, to be County Judge, Bradford county.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Brantley moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

A message was received from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Lykes introduced

Senate bill No. 30:

To be entitled an act to create a State Board of Health for the protection of Life and Health and to prevent the spread of Disease in the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lykes, referred to the Judiciary Committee, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Brantley, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for the year 1876, having been made the special order for 11 o'clock,

Was taken up.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out all but the enacting clause, and substitute a copy of the second printing of Senate bill No. 2:

Te be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for the year 1876;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow, 11 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out \$330.16 for stationery furnished the Legislature for the year 1875;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to insert \$150 in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out \$5,050.12 for expenses of State Prison;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to insert \$2500;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out \$600 for Clerk in Treasurer's office;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to strike out \$2500 for Commissioner of Lands and Immigration;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendry moved to strike out in the amendment \$2,000;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin moved to insert \$1200;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert after the twelfth line section 1, "For jurors and witness certificates, \$9,674.15;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out "for fees to Clerk of the Supreme Court \$875;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out the following: "For conveying prisoners to the State Prison, \$2,500;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out the following: "For expenses of taking the census for the year 1875, \$600;"

Which was not agreed to.